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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICANTS : DIETER ARLT  
SERIAL NO. : 10/066,979  
FILED : February 4, 2002  
FOR : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF NON-CHIRAL AND  
OPTICALLY ACTIVE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS  
CONTAINING HYDROXYL GROUPS  
ART UNIT : 1621  
EXAMINER : M. Shippen

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January 29, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111****SIR:**

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.